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For : DUST COLLECTOR ATTACHMENT FOR A SPIRAL SAW  
POWER TOOL

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Examiner: W. R. Briggs

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

The following claim has been amended:

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1. (twice amended) An attachment for a hand-held spiral saw power tool, comprising:  
a first rigid attachment portion, adapted to be secured to a forward portion of a hand-held spiral saw power tool in which a spiral saw bit is mountable, wherein the first attachment portion is structured and adapted to permit the first attachment portion to be secured to the forward portion of the power tool at various selected longitudinal positions therealong, so that when the first attachment portion is in a selected position on the power tool, the tip of a cutting portion of the spiral saw bit extends beyond the forward end of the first attachment portion by a distance at least equal to that of the thickness of the workpiece to be cut by the spiral saw, wherein the attachment portion is further adapted to permit a moving contact between a forward edge of the first attachment portion and an abutting surface of the workpiece to be cut by the spiral saw, and wherein the attachment portion has an interior diameter at its forward end which is significantly greater than the diameter of the spiral saw and wherein the forward edge of the attachment portion controls the depth of cut of the spiral saw and acts as a stop for the spiral saw when the forward edge of the attachment portion abuts the surface of the workpiece; and